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the Central Pool is made to States/UTs including Haryana on a month to month basis after taking into account the availabiliy of stock in the Central Pool, interse demand of the States/UTs, market availability of commodities, seasonal factors, offtake against allocations made, etc. The allocation of levy sugar is made at an uniform norm of 425 gms. per capita as per 1991 population. The allocation made to Haryana State and lifting by the State Government during the last 3 years are mentioned in statement attached. It may be observed from the Statement that the lifting by State Government of Haryana is much less than the allocation.

Statement

Statement showing allocation of essential commodities to the State of Haryana during last three years and actual lifting by the States

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Commodity	Haryana		
	1994	1995	1996
Wheat Allocation	138.40	210.92	207.60
Lifting	34.60	52.70	111.60
Rice Allocation Lifting	36.00 6.60	51.56 7.20	54.00 19.50
Sugar (100% lifting)	79.60	79.68	86.13
Edible oils Allocation Lifting	0.50 0.06	0.20 0.02	0.26
Kerosene Allocation Lifting	153.88 153.70	156.83 157.96	159.60 160.36

Production Growth Rate of Foodgrains

4729. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA: SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the rate of annual increase of foodgrains production fixed during the Eighth Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether the fixed annual increase of production was achieved;
- (c) if not, the rate of annual increase in foodgrains production, year-wise and the reasons for not achieving the target; and
- (d) the rate of annual increase in foodgrains production fixed during each year of Ninth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The average annual increase (growth rate) in foodgrains production is presently observed to be 2.7 percent, which is slightly lower than the average annual increase (growth rate) revised as 2.8 percent for the Eighth Five Year Plan i.e. 1992-93 to 1996-97.

(c) The percentage increase/decrease in all India production of foodgrains during 1992-93 to 1996-97 is as follows:

Year	Percentage Increase/Decrease	
1992-93	6.6	
1993-94	2.7	
1994-95	3.9	
1995-96	(-) 3.3	
1996-97	3.8	

The targetted growth rate in production of foodgrains has not been achieved on account of fall in production during 1995-96 for which the main reasons are attributed to decline in area especially under wheat, spatial and temporal aberrations in weather besides low and imbalanced use of fertilisers during the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

(d) The Ninth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

Domestic and Imported Wheat

4730. SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers in the country have been paid very low prices for wheat as compared to the price given for the import of wheat;
- (b) if so, the difference between the prices given for domestic and imported wheat and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the production of wheat is going down in the country; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The MSP of wheat in 1996-97 marketing season was Rs. 380/- per quintal which resulted in an economic